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DAMASCUS FOR MURPHY FROM BROWN

E.O.11652: GDS

TAGS: OREP: (MATHIAS, CHARLES)

SUBJ: CODEL MATHIAS AND CODEL TRAVEL TO LEBANON

REF: DAMASCUS 2343 (NOTAL)

1. CODEL MATHIAS DID NOT RPT NOT CONTACT EMBASSY MORNING
17 APRIL AS DUTY OFFICER HAD BEEN LED TO BELIEVE IT WOULD.
WOULD APPRECIATE TELEGRAPHIC CONFIRMATION FROM DAMASCUS
OF CODEL'S SAFE RETURN.

2. RE PARA 2 REFTTEL CONCERNING CODEL ABOUREZK/EAGLETON, WE
MUST STAND BY OUR RECOMMENDATION THAT CODEL NOT RPT NOT
TRAVEL TO LEBANON AT THIS TIME. FACT THAT CODEL MATHIAS
HAS APPARENTLY MADE HIGHLY HAZARDOUS VISIT WITHOUT MISHAP
DOES NOT IN ANY ALTER OUR JUDGMENT. WE SIMPLY CANNOT
GIVE ANY GUARANTEES RE CODEL SAFETY IN COUNTRY AND ARE NOT
PREPARED TO ACCEPT RESPONSIBILITY FOR RECOMMENDING THAT
CODEL ABOUREZK/EAGLETON (OR ANY OTHER CODEL) VISIT THIS
COUNTRY AT MOMENT.
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